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Security-Minded CIA Is So Secure Senator Can't Get Letter to Director

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The security-minded Central Intelligence Agency is so secure that a Senate page failed utterly to penetrate it when he tried to deliver a personal letter from Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho) to CIA Director John A. McCone. The security guards refused to accept the letter. He finally took it back to Church's office. The Senator's office then had it sent via regular mail to McCone. All this took place last Wednesday. Up to yesterday Church had had all kinds of trouble. What from McCone. Said the obviously nettled Senator:

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got there, he later reported, he found the place "barricaded," marked "Personal for the Director" of CIA. Somehow or other he fell into the hands of CIA security police, who questioned him at length as to what he was up to. He reported back to Church's office. The Senator's secretary then had it sent via regular mail to McCone. All this took place last Wednesday. Up to yesterday Church had had all kinds of trouble. What from McCone. Said the obviously nettled Senator:

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